

## **Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project**

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### MEMORANDUM

TO: Vermont Mental Health Performance Indicator Project  
Advisory Group and Interested Parties

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DATE: January 5, 2001

RE: Per-Capita Revenues of Adult Mental Health Outpatient Programs.

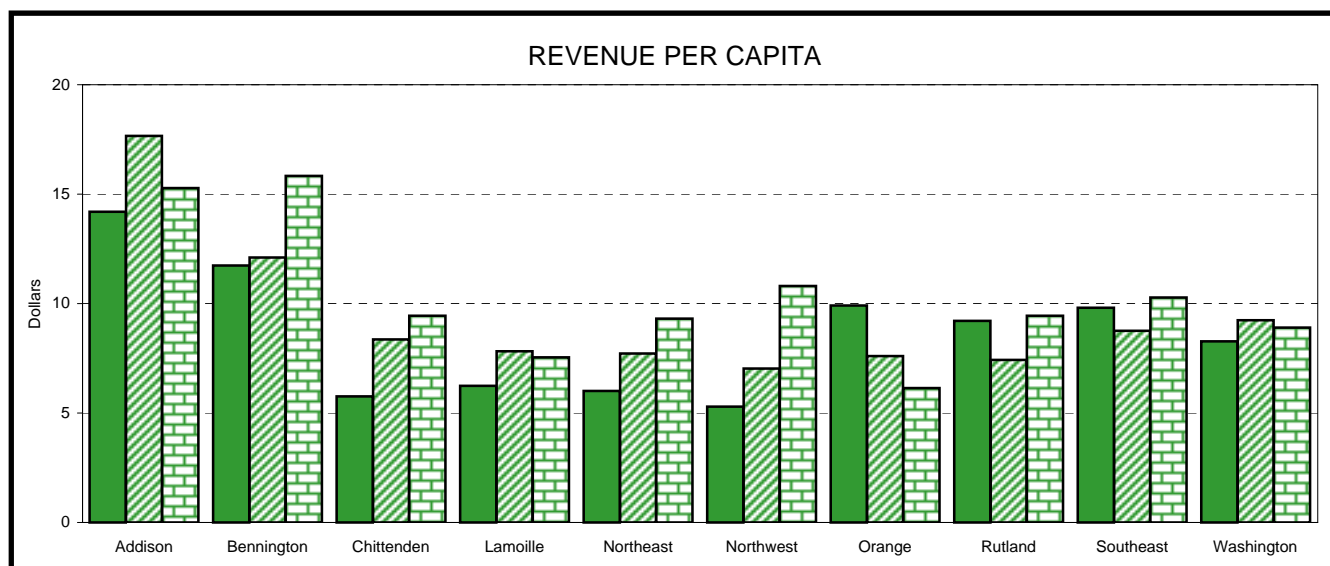
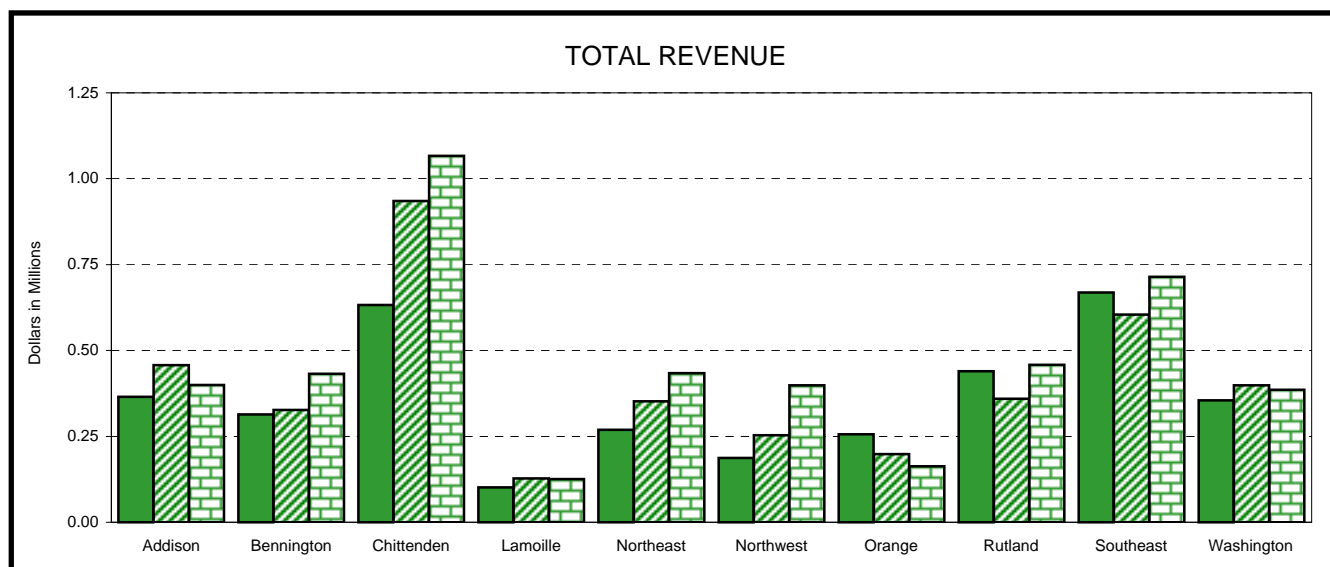
This week's PIP is the third in a series of reports that examine patterns of per-capita revenues for community mental health service programs. This week, per-capita funding is reported for Adult Mental Health Outpatient (AOP) programs in each of Vermont's ten mental health service areas for each of the past three years. The revenues reported here include funding by DDMHS, Medicaid revenues, first and third party revenues, local revenues, and other revenues as reported in financial reports submitted to DDMHS by the designated providers. It is important to keep in mind that per-capita revenues may be interpreted as indicators of the performance of both service providers and funding agencies. To the degree that program revenues are a function of the activity of the programs, revenues are a measure of program performance. To the degree that program revenues are a function of the activity of funding agencies, revenues are a measure of the performance of the funding agencies. Regardless of their cause, higher per-capita revenues are frequently taken to indicate that more services are available to residents of a region, and lower per-capita revenues are taken to indicate that fewer services are available.

As you will see, there has been a moderate increase in the revenues of Vermont's AOP programs during this period, increasing from \$3.6 million in 1998 to \$4.6 million in 2000. This represents a growth of 28% statewide during this period, a rate of growth that is similar to that for CRT programs during the same period of time. There has also been some consistent variation in per-capita funding levels among the ten service areas throughout this period. The Addison and Bennington service areas had the highest per-capita revenues during each of these years. There was, however, no region that had consistently lower per-capita revenues throughout this period. Per-capita revenues increased consistently in the Bennington, Chittenden, Northeast and Northwest regions during this period. Per-capita revenues decreased consistently in the Orange service area during this period.

We will appreciate your comments regarding the use of per-capita revenues as a measure of the performance of local program and statewide systems of care. We look forward to receiving similar measures from other states for purposes of comparison. We will also be interested in your interpretation of these data. Please share your thoughts by e-mailing to [jpandiani@ddmhs.state.vt.us](mailto:jpandiani@ddmhs.state.vt.us) or calling 802-241-2638.

# ADULT OUTPATIENT PROGRAMS

## TOTAL REVENUE AND REVENUE PER CAPITA, FY 1998-2000



Region/Provider	Adult Population			Revenue			Revenue Per Capita		
	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000	1998	1999	2000
Addison - CSAC	25,695	25,911	26,156	\$364,671	\$457,431	\$399,730	\$14.19	\$17.65	\$15.28
Bennington - UCS	26,777	26,998	27,319	\$314,281	\$326,830	\$432,525	\$11.74	\$12.11	\$15.83
Chittenden - HCHS	109,734	111,888	112,863	\$632,152	\$934,862	\$1,066,495	\$5.76	\$8.36	\$9.45
Lamoille - LCMHS	16,311	16,265	16,678	\$101,902	\$127,220	\$125,754	\$6.25	\$7.82	\$7.54
Northeast - NEK	44,892	45,658	46,602	\$269,530	\$352,493	\$434,111	\$6.00	\$7.72	\$9.32
Northwest - NCSS	35,272	36,009	36,904	\$186,794	\$253,038	\$398,470	\$5.30	\$7.03	\$10.80
Orange - CMC	25,867	26,093	26,598	\$256,335	\$198,334	\$163,230	\$9.91	\$7.60	\$6.14
Rutland - RACS	47,777	48,478	48,495	\$439,711	\$359,712	\$458,110	\$9.20	\$7.42	\$9.45
Southeast - HCRSSV	68,196	69,075	69,455	\$668,640	\$604,572	\$714,004	\$9.80	\$8.75	\$10.28
Washington - WCMHS	42,938	43,162	43,324	\$355,067	\$399,084	\$385,521	\$8.27	\$9.25	\$8.90
Total	443,459	449,537	454,394	\$3,589,083	\$4,013,576	\$4,577,950	\$8.09	\$8.93	\$10.07

Revenue figures are obtained by electronic financial reports submitted by Vermont's Community Service Providers. Population figures are based on population estimates for December 1997, 1998, and 1999 published by the Vermont Department of Health and the Center for Rural Studies at the University of Vermont. Adult population includes people 18 years or older.